

to help with the following:

- * Hangi preparation (Tokikapu, Friday 27 July, 5.00pm)
- * Setting up the shop (Domain, Friday 27 July, 5.00pm)
- * Manning the shop (Domain, Saturday 28 July, 10am–5pm)
- * Some lovely home baking to sell with our hot drinks.

If you are interested in helping, please let us know by Tuesday. Ring or text Pania on 027 2253052 or 07 873 8853 or call the school.

‘The Big Hunt’ will be an interesting afternoon out and if you register now there are some great spot prizes.

Lastly, the Fundraising Committee will be discussing and planning for the next potential events on Wednesday 1 August at 3.15pm at the school.

You are all more than welcome to attend.

Mauri Ora!

Community News

You are invited to the next **OPEN DAY** at **St Paul's Collegiate School**, 77 Hukanui Road, Chartwell, Hamilton on Saturday 11 August from 1.30pm. The Headmaster will address visitors at 2pm in the Chapel of Christ the King followed by student led tours of the School. Afternoon tea will be served in the Dining Room from 3.00pm onwards. Please direct any enquiries to d.mcrae@stpauls.school.nz or phone 07 957 8805.

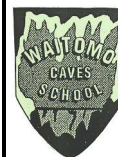


Free Ear Clinic Service for Children Otorohanga Support House, Maniapoto Street, Tuesday 7 August and Monday 17 September 9.30 am – 2.30pm. Te Kuiti Hospital Outpatient Department, by appointment call 878 7333.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

25 July	Wheels Day on Wednesday
27-28 July	Preparations for ‘The Big Hunt’
1 August	Fundraising meeting
4 August	Soccer Closing Day Tournament
8 August	BOT meeting
9 August	Thai Ministry of Education officers visit
15 August	Small Schools Cross Country – Waitomo
16 August	Community Assembly
17 August	Teacher Only Day
22 August	COP's Cross Country – Waitomo

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Newsletter

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Term Three 2012

Week One – 20 July

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Term 3. We hope everyone had a refreshing break and are now ready for another busy term. Please gaze over your WCS Year Planner to revise what's coming up during the term. Fortnightly newsletters will confirm dates and times giving as much notice as possible.

Thank you to Batch, Alannah, Robin, Mitch and Pania for helping with the shift of resources from Hangatiki School during the last week of Term 2. Some extra resources were acquired over the holiday break and we appreciate the Batger and Dimond families for working on that project. Also a special thanks to Batch for relocating the bark for our playground. Thank you to the Fagan family for the use of their tractor to shift the bark.

If you are still to return the pink slip about the report format, included in your child's report pack, please do so by the end of next week.

Thank you to our Nan's

Recently we have had several Nana's helping out in different ways with school projects and day to day bits and pieces that have all contributed to making our school a better place. Special thank you to Nana Noeleen Gibson, Nana Janet MacKinnon, Nana Jean Pitts-Brown and Nanny Muri Turner.



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Working Bee

Thank you so much to the following helpers at our school working bee during the break. Resources have found their new homes and have been distributed into different areas of school. Your time and support is much appreciated. Thank you Melissa, Atreyu, Julian, Siân, Reuben, Ariana, Kiel, Kade, Sophie, Arleyah, Portia and Tanchia.

Absences

Waitomo Caves School operates a system of phoned absence notice rather than the customary written note on a child's return to school, however notes are still acceptable. If your child is to be absent, please phone the school office on 878 7534 between 8.40am and 9.00am. Please leave a message outside this time or if no-one answers. Phoned absences will be checked against the classroom list and parents of non-reported absences will be contacted. Where a child is absent for more than one day, it is important that the parents phone the school each morning of the absence. It may also be appropriate that you prefer to email or text the school mobile on 0273910746 informing us of your child's absence. Should it be necessary for a child to leave the school during the day, please ensure the class teacher is advised of this before the child leaves.

At times parents have been difficult to contact via phone in the case of non-reported absences. When we leave messages it is important our calls are returned. If absences are not explained children are marked truant. If you think any past absences haven't been explained please contact me so we can rectify our records.

The Ministry of Education randomly complete Attendance, Absence and Truancy surveys from our electronic attendance records. One is currently taking place now.

Junior Class Support

Our sincere thanks to the parent helpers who regularly joined the junior class to support the literacy programmes in place for our Year 1 & 2 students. A roster for Term 3 is currently being worked on.

WRSRC Club Dinners

The season has come to an end for the Waitomo senior rugby team. The fundraising committee have been fortunate to have had good support for providing the home game club meals. Thank you for your time spent preparing, cooking, washing up and donating kai. Thank you to the Winikerei, Hughes, Gray, Batger, Verry, Pitts-Brown whanau.

Soccer

Soccer training resumes on Friday afternoons. Please refer to your updated draws for the final weeks of play. On Saturday 4 August all teams will be involved in the closing day tournament. The closing day draw will be distributed on the day and it is likely all teams will have three or four games throughout the morning.

Waitomo Caves Road Subsidence Repairs

You may be aware that the repair to the road subsidence between the village and the Glowworm Caves timeframe has been extended due to an unforeseen change in ground conditions. Bonnie, our bus driver, is also aware and we ask that you please keep this in mind regarding school bus transport. It is hoped that delays and disruptions are kept to a minimum with approximately seven weeks of work remaining.

Small Schools Cross Country

The whole school will be involved in the Small Schools race on Wednesday 15 August. Then champion runners will compete in the COP's race the following week, Wednesday 22 August. This year St Mary's and Otorohanga Primary school children will be joining us. The course venue will be the HTG Hut on Te Anga Road and we will require parents to help transport children on the day of these races. Also we need parental support with the organisation and running of the food stall for both of these days. This will be two great opportunities to help fundraising for school projects. Please contact school if you are able to help with the food stall.

Children are reminded to be prepared for cross country training everyday at school. It is advisable that children bring a spare set of clothing and footwear in case they need to change clothes if they get wet or dirty.

Thai Ministry of Education

On Thursday 9 August I will be hosting a group of senior advisors from Thailand's Ministry of Education. Their focus will be on school procedures, written reports and evaluating student's progress within a rural school.

From the Fundraising Committee

Hi all, we have fulfilled our meals for the Rugby Club home games. Yay! Next up we have the opportunity to fundraise at the Waitomo Caves open Pig Hunting Competition (The Big Hunt) on Saturday 28 July. We will be providing 150 Hangi, a sausage sizzle, bacon n egg sammie's and hot drinks. So folks, it would be awesome to have some extra hands on board